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Creation of A New Low-Power Radio Service

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SUPPLEMENT COMMENTS OF DAVID C. SOLOMON REGARDING FCC NPRM 99-25

The following statement should be added to the previous comments of David C Solomon.

All stations should conform to the Commission's current FM plan. 88.1-91.9 should remain non-commercial- 92.1-107.9 should remain commercial. David Solomon believes that a huge rush of new licensee might create a period of adjustment for the typical radio listener and an adjustment of the current plan may cause confusion. Whether it has been studied or not, the public has grown accustomed to the non-commercial/educational and religious sound of the lower frequencies in the band. Furthermore, it should be observed that the higher frequencies maintain an impression in the minds of listeners, advertising agencies and business owners as "commercial."

Shouldn't it be said that America is built on the approval of it's citizens? If so, then wouldn't it be true that "*free enterprise*" should be adopted when considering the acceptance and approval of a radio station? After all, if a station doesn't serve it's listeners, then, it doesn't isn't a good advertising buy for potential businesses. The freedom that comes with having a commercial status is the ability of *choosing* whether or not to air commercials. Under the Commission's current rules, a station has no obligation to sell advertising just because it's classified a commercial station. This plan, in my mind, is wise and fair.

Therefore, let it be stated that David C. Solomon supports the creation of a low-power radio service that is both commercial and non-commercial, maintaining the Commission's current rules for FM radio.

Perhaps it could be considered wise to enable those with years of experience to own their first radio station in order to maintain the integrity and wisdom in Commission policies and rules and further the speed of acceptance of a public listening audience who has been trained to listen to their radios a certain way. Persons with years of experience with radio, the public and the FCC should have preference over citizens who wish to learn to serve the public by making the mistakes we haven't made in years- thereby, treating the precious resource of the radio airwaves like an experimental college course. Perhaps, the minds of our children are more valuable and worthy of protection than to allow influence and manipulation to emanate from someone who, as of yet, has not learned the true power of radio. A trained, experienced radio professional with no previous Commission related violations seem to better conform to the FCC's character qualifications in my mind than someone who simply "wants to be on the air." Should we make it possible to-

-get a 1 watt radio station.

-influence the minds of our children.

-broadcast violent, false or sexual programming.

No. A vehement "no". **Never.**

Consider the problems America faces in the area of family unity. Wouldn't a low-power service of such low entry barriers make such incidents possible? Wouldn't it be necessary for parents to have to have an even greater role in the governing of their childrens' lives should this possibility exist? I firmly believe we should implicate a new low-power radio service, but not at the cost of our future and our children's future. We should act responsibly. Radio is everywhere. Cable TV is not; nor should be allowed to be.

Please,

Remove the 1-10 watt stations from the rulemaking proposal.

Give preference only to those who can demonstrate more than 5 years of responsible broadcast experience, yet, are not license holders.

Allow for commercial operation and non-commercial operation under current Commission rules.

Respectfully Submitted,

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